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CHANGES that may have far-reaching effects have recently been made in the attendance requirements of the University. School teachers who have taught for three years and have Grade XII certificates need not attend the ordinary winter session, but may proceed to their degrees by taking summer courses and then carrying on the work through private study in preparation for the usual spring examinations.

Will this change affect the numbers that come up each fall, or will it touch only those who would not otherwise take university work? Will these extra-mural students be better or worse educated than those who take the work in the present way? No doubt, they will lose something very valuable in not being brought into close contact with their instructors and fellow students. John Henry Newman said that he would prefer "a University which had no professors or examinations at all, but merely brought a number of young men together for three or four years," to "a so-called University, which dispensed with residence and tutorial superintendence, and gave its degrees to any person who passed an examination in a wide range of subjects."

Ideas on education have changed much since these words were uttered, and we have been carried far out on the tide which Newman tried to stem—how far can be seen by a circular letter that has just reached us from a large university, advertising a course in "Personnel Administration," and describing it as "Genuine University Training at Home, by Mail." There is, nevertheless, a profound truth in Newman's words. On the other hand, there is an equally valuable truth in the contention of another great Victorian: "If we think of it, all that a university, or final highest school, can do for us is still what the first school began doing—teach us to *read*. We learn to *read*, in various languages, in various sciences; we learn the alphabet and letters of all manner of books. But the place we are to get knowledge, even theoretic knowledge, is the books themselves! It depends on what we read, after all manner of Professors have done their best for us. The true university of these days is a collection of books."

In the over-organization of modern college life it is to be feared that both these fundamentals are often lost sight of. The system of extra-mural study which is being inaugurated by the University of Alberta will produce at least one good: the student will realize the importance of books, for no matter how clever he may be he will not be able to pass his courses without reading. Whether, on the whole, the innovation will be for the good of the University and the teaching profession remains to be seen.

TEACHERS' conventions have at various times requested the University to establish an undergraduate course in pedagogy. This request shows a commendable ambition to improve the quality of teaching in the schools of Alberta, but the proposed method of attaining this end seems to us to lay emphasis on something of secondary importance. What is needed among teachers more than training in method is liberal education, which but very few have who have gone through high school and normal school and then

stopped. In fact, not even a course in Arts can insure a liberal education, but it will give it to the eager student. It is a common complaint that the reading of the average school teacher does not reflect that interest in men and women, in human affairs both past and present, in the movements of thought abroad in the world, that love of learning without which there can be no good teaching. Of course, this condition should improve itself as more university men and women go into the teaching profession; and we look forward to the time when in Alberta, as in older countries, an Arts course will be the usual training for teachers. Such a course would be of far greater value than a course in pedagogy.

THE third of Dr. Tory's articles on Agricultural Credits will appear in our next issue. At the time of going to press the Agricultural Credits bill has not come up in parliament, and in the President's article it is hoped to have an interpretation of the situation as it will appear after the bill has been dealt with.

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THE newly-elected officers of the Alumni Association are:

President: Mrs. R. J. Russell, '12.

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2nd Vice-Pres.: C. F. Reilly, '20 (Calgary).

3rd Vice-Pres.: J. McMillan, '24 (Hamilton).

Secretary: G. B. Taylor, '23.

Treasurer: W. Dixon Craig, '17.

At its first meeting the new Council elected Dr. Tory as honorary president, and S. C. Morgan, M.Sc. '23, as editor of *The Trail.* In addition, the presidents of all branches automatically become members of the Council.

THE secretary of the Calgary branch, in her annual report, writes: "Our March meeting was the only one not called to honor an Edmonton guest. We felt that, when we were so fortunate as to have a speaker like Harry Nolan in our midst, we could not deny ourselves the pleasure of hearing him, and at a luncheon held in the Tapestry Room we enjoyed a most delightful account of Oxford life."

The Calgary branch closed a successful year with its annual meeting on April 9. The following executive was elected for the season 1926-27:

President: James Nicoll, '22.

Vice-Pres.: Miss Betty Mitchell, '24.

Treasurer: James Davidson, '21.

Secretary: Miss Georgie Thompson, '19.

Members of the Committee: E. C. Snider, '21; Manly Edwards, '22.

THE Edmonton Branch held its annual meeting on June 19, and elected the following officers for the coming year:

President: Alan B. Harvey, '19.

Vice-Pres.: Miss Agnes Fuog, '21.

Secretary: Miss Jean McQueen, '22.

Treasurer: George Parney, '21.

Members of the Committee: P. Dunne, '21; Frank Newson, '24 and '26.

NOTICE!

The University is anxious to complete three files of *The Gateway*, *The Trail* and *The News Letter*, one copy to be deposited in the University Archives, one in the Library, and a third in the Provincial Library.

The following numbers of *The Gateway* are required for this purpose:

Volume 3, Number 2 (1 copy); Number 3 (2 copies); Number 5 (3 copies); Number 6 (3 copies); Number 8 (2 copies); Volume 13, Number 7, Nov. 21st, 1922 (1 copy).

The President will be grateful if anyone who can help to supply the missing numbers will please communicate with the Librarian of the University.

The News Letter was a war-time production, sent to members of the University on Overseas service, at first in typewritten form, and later in print. As it is proving very difficult to get any information about this publication, will members of the Alumni Association who have any knowledge of it please communicate with the Librarian. Any existing copies should be reported, as so far no copy has been found.

THE Alumni Association membership fee of $2.00 becomes due each year at Convocation time. Fees for 1926-1927 are now due, and should be sent to Mr. W. Dixon Craig, Treasurer of the Alumni Association, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

By The Way--

GRADUATES IN LAW will be particularly pleased to hear that Professor J. A. Weir has been made dean of the Faculty of Law. Dean Weir is the first to hold the deanship of this faculty. He is a graduate of Saskatchewan and Oxford universities. He went to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, and for a number of years he has been Professor of Law in the University of Alberta.

A STUDY PARTY left the University for Europe on May 14, under the guidance of Dr. W. H. Alexander. In the group were Professor Burgess, W. R. Klinck, Miss Dodd, Miss Marion Cato '19, Miss Lillian Cram '24. Landing at Cherbourg they planned to go direct to Constantinople, and thence back through Greece, Italy and France.

AT THE MAY MEETING of the Edmonton Branch, Premier Brownlee gave an address. The meeting was largely attended.

THE EXECUTIVE of the Edmonton Branch of the Association met on Saturday evening, June 5, at the home of the president, Mrs. R. J. Russell. The members of the executive took advantage of this opportunity to present a small etching by Frank Armington to Miss Tena McQueen, the vice-president, who is leaving to make her home in California.

ON JUNE 14 President Tory delivered the Commencement address at the University of Minnesota. There were fifteen hundred students graduating on this occasion.

THE UNIVERSITY course is becoming increasingly difficult for students entering without languages. A year ago the passmark in the beginning language courses was raised to sixty-five, and now according to a new ruling the mark on a supplemental examination must be seventy. Alumni who are teaching could do their students a service by urging them to prepare the languages in high school.

"QUIS DESIDERIO!"

Charles Allan Stuart, the late Chancellor of the University of Alberta, was born near the city of London, Ontario, in Caradoc Township, August 3rd, 1864. He received his early training in a rural school and subsequently in that *nutrix leonum*, the Strathroy High School. From the University of Toronto he graduated in 1891, with double honors, Classics and Political Economy, and later (1894) he received the LL.B. degree from the same institution. He had some experience of academic life from the professorial side through his tenure of teaching fellowships in Toronto and Columbia, and this he revived much later in his career, when for the sake of the young University of Alberta he again undertook the teaching of constitutional history.

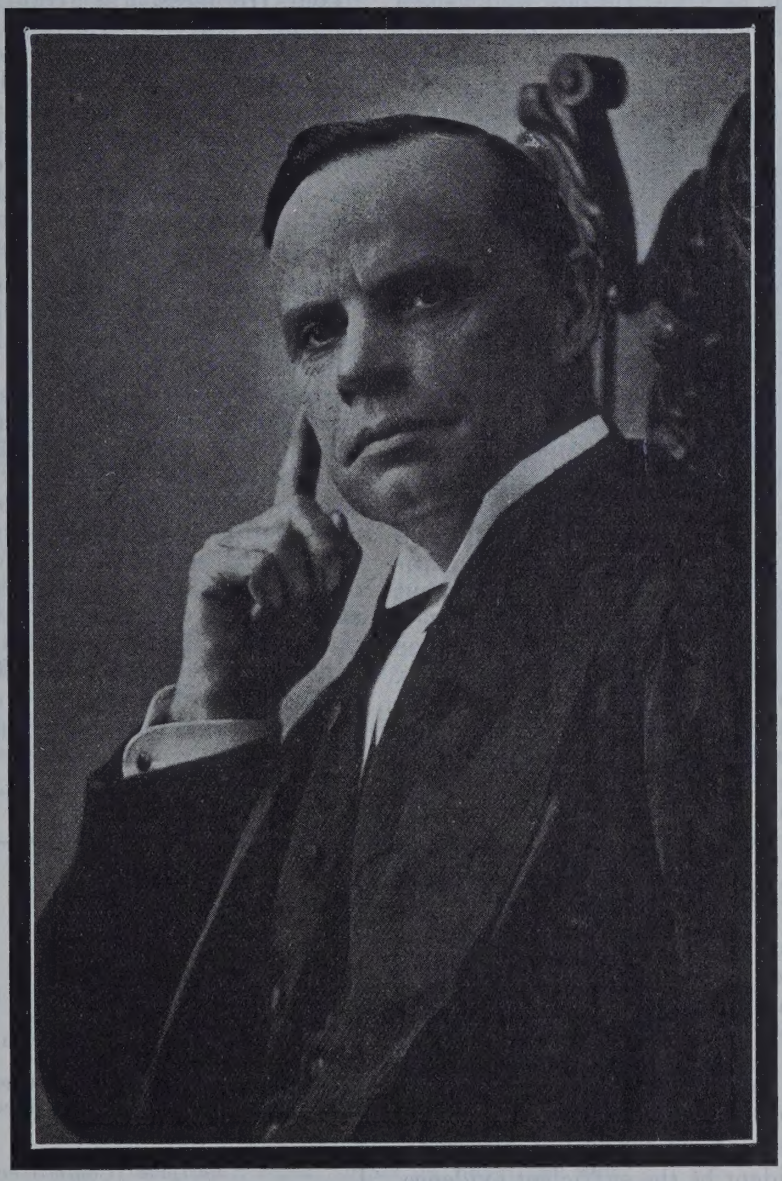
But it was the law which ultimately claimed him, and after a brief experience in the City of Mexico, he settled down to practise in the infant city of Calgary, 1898. Identified always with the Liberal party, he was a successful candidate for Gleichen in the first provincial election (1905), and was very prominently mentioned at that time for the Attorney Generalship of the first administration. However, on Oct. 8, 1906, he retired from politics to become a puisne judge of the Supreme Court of Alberta, and subsequently, an associate justice of the Appellate Division. The twenty years of public service rendered by Mr. Justice Stuart in these capacities constitute one of the several things for which this young province may be thankful.

To the cause of the University he was always passionately attached, and no happier choice could have been made than that which constituted him the first chancellor of our institution, March 1908, and continued him in that office till his death. As chancellor he served as Chairman of the Senate and also as an ex-officio member of the Board of Governors, and in both these contacts his influence was for the best invariably. Every graduate of the University of Alberta between 1911 and 1925 will remember his friendly smile at the conferring of the degree.

This sketch was not intended to be biographical, but it seemed worth while to set out these few facts above, the plain record of a distinguished public career. This once done, however, there are other things to be thought of. Different people will feel differently about what those things should be, especially those who met the late Chancellor in more phases of his life than one. Most graduates will think of him as the patient and kindly presiding officer on Commencement Day, some have known him as the thoughtful and reflective reader of great literature, more especially that of Greece and Rome, which he so dearly loved, while others yet again may recall him from some friendly game of golf played together; his was a many-sided life. But eulogies along such lines are apt to drop into formality, to become phraseological, despite our best intentions, and it may be better to give his character rather by two or three concrete incidents that occur to the mind of the writer.

One of my own first experiences in Alberta was that of being called to the 'phone for the purpose of explaining to some inquiring soul the significance of the phrase which Mr. Justice Stuart had recently used in a judgment—*lucus a non lucendo*. He had not used such a phrase to air a little shoddy knowledge of some classical catchwords; Latin and Greek were to him, the scholar as well as the judge, rare and wonderful media of speech, capable so often of expressing in a single term what we labor with through a whole sentence, and no one appreciated better than he the force of those terms. The late Chancellor was often criticized for slowness of utterance; if he was sometimes deliberate, it was because he had too fine a sense of the meaning of words to tolerate, at least in himself, their misuse and misapplication.

It was my privilege to see something of him during the second summer of the Great War when accident brought us together at a local beach. A thoroughgoing patriot in the best sense of the term—despite the foolish remarks occasionally



The Late Chancellor, Mr. Justice Stuart.

made about him because he did not care to adulate the English—he was yet under no delusions about the superlative excellence of our own institutions, and looked to see the war end some of their faults and amend others. He knew that the enemy inside was at least equally as dangerous as the enemy at the gates. It is not difficult to remember him saying: "These men have gone away to fight for their country; how would it be for us who remain behind to make sure that on their return they may feel that it was really worth fighting for?"

Apart altogether from the question of politics, Mr. Justice Stuart was a liberal in the best sense of the term, that sense which defines liberalism as a state of mind and not a body of doctrine. He was not opposed to forms and formulas, but no more was he tricked by them. Too often his excellent convocation addresses had to be reduced to an unwelcome brevity in order that some distinguished visitor might practise his soporific charms, but even thus they nearly always contained some gem of liberal thinking, of a type not too common in university chancellors. There is one which has always stuck in my mind for its absolute truth and admirable frankness; I quote it nearly in the original words: "Always remember," he said to the young graduates, "that the idea for which an institution is supposed to stand is more important than the institution. If this University at any future time fails to guard the idea which is its very essence, you are thereby automatically absolved from the allegiance you have given today in virtue of another and a higher allegiance yet." Golden words, worthy to be set up somewhere in our halls as a possession for ever, the truth by which only a university can live.

Of his very frank and human qualities let one incident be the sufficient evidence. It was the morning when Edward, Prince of Wales, was receiving his honorary degree. He stood before the Chancellor; the latter had begun his set speech, evidently something carefully composed and committed. After about three minutes something went wrong; there was a long and dreadful pause. Then the Chancellor, his face beaming at the joke upon himself, said quite simply and frankly: "Your Highness, I'm afraid I've forgotten my speech." Edward knew that princes sometimes forget their speeches, but it seemed a bit of a revelation to him that a University Chancellor could be as human as that too. So they twain smiled understandingly at each other, and then Mr. Stuart addressed the Prince extemporaneously in the most charming of little speeches, a veritable jewel.

We cannot but mourn the loss of a character so kindly, so simple, so sincere, because we know we have suffered deprivation, but we must not express our regrets in a way that the spirit of our first Chancellor could never approve. He would wish us to say, with the Greek Epitaphist, over his ashes: "O friend, I weep not for thee, because thou didst know full many pleasant days, and again, God dealt thee thy lot of ill." That is the fair, frank spirit of a genuine humanism, and some of you at least will know that if I say of Chancellor Stuart that he was a good *humanist*, I have left myself no higher word of praise.

WILLIAM HARDY ALEXANDER.

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CONVOCATION

One hundred and eighty-four degrees, 12 diplomas and 13 degrees ad eundem statem, were conferred by the senate of the University of Alberta at the sixteenth annual spring convocation exercises held on Friday afternoon, May 14.

Numbered among those receiving degrees were 17 for the degree of Doctor of Medicine; 16 for Master of Arts; 7 for Master of Science; 1 for Bachelor of Education; 55 for the B.A. degree; 21, for LL.B.; 3 for the degree of B.Sc. in Civil Engineering; 3 for B.Sc. in Mining Engineering; 2 for B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering; 14 for Bachelor of Commerce; 18 for B.Sc. in Arts; 1 for Bachelor of the Science of Agriculture; 7 for B.Sc in Agriculture; 3 for Bachelor of Household Economics; 2 for B.Sc. in Pharmacy; 3 for B.Sc. in Household Economics; and 12 diplomas for licentiates in Pharmacy.

The convocation address was delivered by the Rev. Thomas Tait.

Degrees were presented by the Hon. Mr. Justice N. D. Beck of the appellate division of the supreme court, for a number of years vice-chancellor of the University, who automatically succeeded to the chancellorship upon the death of the late Mr. Justice C. A. Stuart, and will fill out the present term of office expiring in 1927, when a chancellor will be elected by Convocation.

The Hon. Nicholas Dubois Beck,
Chancellor of the University

In Memoriam

CHARLES ALLAN STUART

He is no more, our loved and loyal friend.
Just-tempered, upright, generous, serene
Of spirit, pure in heart, of gracious mien
With high and low, his nature was a blend
Of many noble strains. For him to spend
And to be spent, to do and not be seen
In doing, was enough. Bravely and clean
He lived; with equal mind he faced the end.
The bitter end! to which we all submit
And none the less resent: seeming defeat.
But still, *non omnis moriar!* What we
Have tried to do and be, upon the loom
Of time remains inwoven deathlessly.
And life goes on oblivious of the tomb.

W. A. R. KERR.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

The first sod in the construction of the new Roman Catholic College was turned on May 14, immediately following Convocation. Work is proceeding apace on the excavation, and it is expected that the shell of the building will be up by fall, and that the building will be ready for occupation by September, 1927.

St. Joseph's College will be affiliated with the University. Its main purpose will be to provide a residence for Roman Catholic students who are in attendance at the University. These students will attend the regular University lectures, with the exception of one or two special departments which will be conducted by the college authorities themselves. The Reverend Brother Rogation has been appointed Rector of the college.

The new college is being erected across the road from the Medical Building, in the angle formed by Eighty-ninth Avenue with the lane leading to the University farm, and a short distance behind the United Theological Seminary (A.C.). It is to cost $200,000. It will be 210 feet in frontage, with two wings, one of 114 feet and another 97 feet, both extending south. It will be built of tapestry brick with Tyndal stone facings, and will contain five lecture rooms, a dining hall to accommodate 250 persons, a chapel in the gothic style, a gymnasium, shower baths, billiard and recreation rooms, several suites and private rooms for a hundred students. The new college was made possible by public subscription and the help of the Carnegie Foundation.

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HOW THE LIBRARY CHEATS CUPID

By E. S. Robinson

(Librarian of the Vancouver Public Library and President of the B.C. Librarians' Association)

The march of events has made remarkable changes in the status of women in the business world in the last few years. The Great War, the franchise and equal rights, to say nothing of bobbed hair, have all contributed to a condition of affairs which is not so comfortable for mere man as in the days of old. Men who took up library work in the early days because of the lack of strong competition now find themselves confronted with competition of the strongest kind. Some of the ablest women in the business and educational world today are engaged in library work—for it has those two aspects, business and education, combined as in no other profession. For freedom of activity and opportunity for expression of individuality through service, library work has no equal. Depending as it does solely on attraction for its patronage, one can readily see how intriguing is a work from which all forms of compulsion or competition have been removed. Bound by no course of study; confined to no limit of time or place; reduced to no set number of patrons whose class, creed or color are immaterial; it is not difficult to portray in one's mind the unlimited field of activity which awaits the librarian.

Of what nature are some of these golden duties, you will ask? We all know the world of books to be attractive, but wherein does the rather prosy task of stamping books give opportunity to the expression of one's best effort. Unfortunately for the library, the knowledge of the public library work is confined to that which is seen on entering the building, with the result that the more pleasant and often more valuable duties remain in oblivion. Reference work; work with children and the selection of their books; story telling; classification and cataloging; bibliographic work; the selection and ordering of books—all have their attractions, to say nothing of opportunities.

Let us look at some of these phases of library work in detail. Reference work, for example, is one of the most popular and, at the same time, the most valuable parts of the whole system. Here tiresome routine is reduced to a minimum, while actual service to the public in helping them locate information and even carry on extensive research comprises the bulk of the duties. To say the least, one experiences a thrill many times during the day when a stranger approaches, who may want information on anything from the price of oil shares in Calgary to the temperature of Edmonton in winter; or, to be more serious, such questions as, "What alloys will stand a high temperature in a

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Immortality

When the white lilac tree
He planted by the door
Perfumes the moist Spring air,
He lives with us once more.

And when the crimson rose
He tended with such care
Blooms in the summer sun,
We feel his presence there.

When Autumn frosts have turned
The hillsides red and gold,
He wanders with us there
As in the days of old.

And when in winter wan
The ruddy hearth fire flames,
He lives in well-loved books
Where once he wrote our names.

Feet of Clay

I set up an idol in sacred nook,
And incense and myrrh to his shrine I took.

I scoffed at the wise who foretold a day
I would find that my idol had feet of clay;

For I knew he was fashioned of finest gold,
And his brightness was excellent to behold.

He is still enthroned in his sacred nook,
But I dare not look . . . . I dare not look!

GEORGINA H. THOMSON, '19.

OLD FORT AUGUSTUS

By F. A. Rudd, '23

The Edmonton Historical Society are attempting to locate and mark from time to time in the Edmonton district, the sites of ancient fur trading posts and other places of interest in our local history. In this very praiseworthy work the society is operating in conjunction with the Historical Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, of which Judge Howay, of British Columbia, is the Western representative. In regard to Old Fort Augustus, I am indebted to the Provincial Librarian, Mr. Jaffary, and to Mr. Gibson, of Fort Saskatchewan, for information as to what is being done to locate and commemorate the site of this historic fort. From this I understand it is proposed to identify the site by erecting on the roadside near-by a stone cairn and affixing thereto a suitable tablet. Historic sites have been identified in other parts of the province, but that of the subject of these few remarks should be of especial local interest.

Old Fort Augustus was a fur trading post of the North West Company, established by two of its members—Angus Shaw and John MacDonald of Garth—in 1794. The fort was situated approximately twenty miles east of present Edmonton, on the north bank of the North Saskatchewan river, on the south-west corner of what is now River Lot 8 of the Townsite of Fort Saskatchewan. This spot would be about four hundred yards below the eastern end of the island at this point. Remains of an old fort here have been seen by a succession of inhabitants of the district, and have been described by them. One of the parties who owned the property prior to its transfer to the present owner, Lord Rodney, had levelled off the ground for cultivation by throwing the piles of stones, which once formed the chimneys, into the cellars. There now remain only mounds of buried stone and plaster to show where the post once stood. Similar ruins, some in a better state of preservation, have been found at other points along the river, which Alexander Henry, fur trader of the old North West Company, relates as being the sites of other posts of the Company. This would seem to verify the authenticity of the ruins in question as those of Old Fort Augustus.

About two hundred yards east of this old post was Fort Edmonton of the Hudson's Bay Company, built about 1795. Thus is seen the close rivalry existing between these two great companies in the old fur trading days.

Old Fort Augustus is to be carefully distinguished from New Fort Augustus, which was established by Mr. Hughes, of the North West Company, about 1807, higher up the river, at what is now Edmonton. This was built immediately on the abandonment of the lower post, the latter henceforth being called Old Fort

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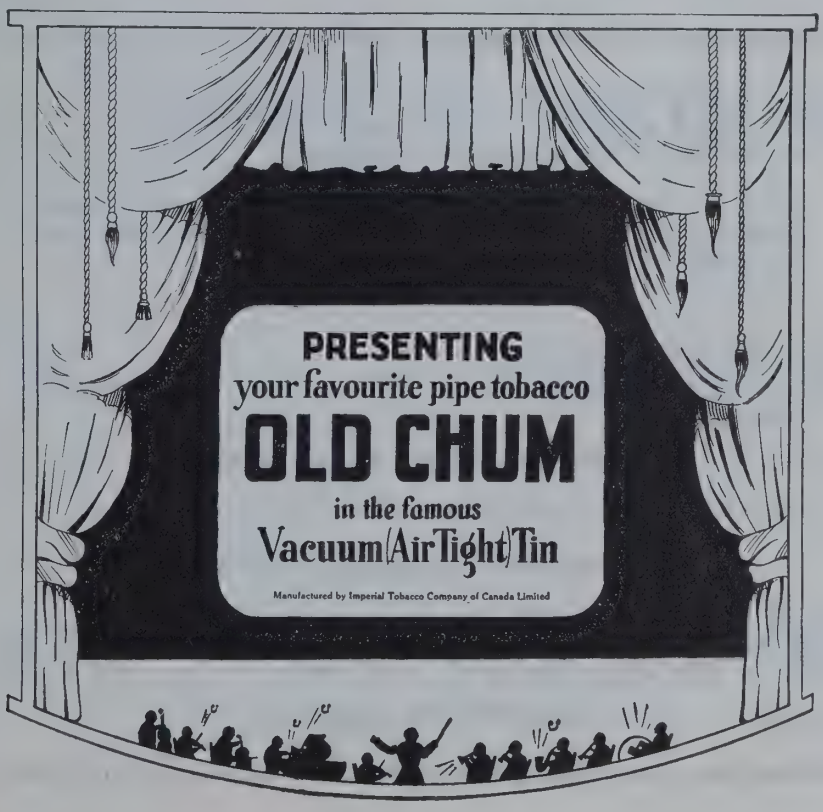
Augustus, as a fort was always called "old" as soon as it was abandoned. New Fort Augustus later became known simply as Fort Augustus. This post was maintained by the North West Company until the fusion of the two companies in 1821.

In the annual report of the Alberta Land Surveyors Association for 1922, Mr. J. N. Wallace remarks that the object of establishing Old Fort Augustus was probably to get nearer to the fur trade and to as far as possible trade only with Indian tribes friendly among themselves." This, of course, would be the policy of either Company in establishing its posts, and very possibly accounts for the fact that we find two opposing posts in such close proximity to each other as were those of Old Fort Augustus and Fort Edmonton.

In 1810 David Thompson, Geographer of the North West Company, made a journey to Fort Vermilion, another of the Company's posts, from the upper Columbia by way of Howes Pass and the Blueberry river and thence down the Saskatchewan. He notes the ruins of Old Fort Augustus as he passed the site on June 22nd of that year. I say ruins, because, in July of the previous year, 1809, the Blackfeet Indians had completely demolished and pillaged the old fort, and nothing but the blackened stones remained, which to the present day exist as the mute evidence of what once had been.

In referring to the Henry-Thompson Journals (1799-1814), edited by Elliot Coues, which give much interesting information about Western Canada in the last part of the 18th and early part of the 19th centuries, I find at many places a reference to a "Fort des Prairies." It appears that Old Fort Augustus was one of several forts along the river to which the term "Fort des Prairies" was indifferently applied. These included such posts of the North West Company as Fort



Vermilion, opposite the entrance of the Vermilion river; Fort George, just above present Moosewa Ferry Crossing; Lower White Earth House, at the junction of the lower Whitemud river below Pakan; Old Fort Augustus; New Fort Augustus; Upper White Earth House, on the north bank, two miles below the entrance of White Lake Creek, and Rocky Mountain House, at the junction of the Clearwater. In reading these Journals, therefore, one must investigate closely to determine which of these posts is referred to when the term "Fort des Prairies" is used.

It is indeed an interesting glimpse into the past to read the accounts of Henry describing the countless thousands of roving buffalo covering the country about Old Fort Augustus and other points, and the many tribes of Indians, often hostile and on the warpath, but ever willing to plead for the cherished "fire water" of the white man. It is noteworthy, by the way, that the forts usually seemed to contain considerable wine in those days. This may account for the cellars!

To visit such historical sites as that of Old Fort Augustus arouses in one a feeling akin to that described by Hardy in regard to Egdon Heath when "the past seized upon him with its shadowy hand, and held him there to listen to its tale." And the tale of Old Fort Augustus and Fort Edmonton will be recalled in the years to come when, to commemorate the deeds of great traders and explorers, a cairn is erected to the honour of the two great fur trading companies, on the tablet of which it is proposed to inscribe:

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Speaking of subscriptions, here is mine for *The Trail.*

Very truly,
MARGARET ARCHIBALD, '22.

P.S.—I am not an insurance agent!

A LETTER FROM SOUTH AMERICA

Anglo-Chilean Nitrate Corp.,
Coya Norte, Tocopilla, Chile,
January 17, 1926.

F. Armour Ford, Esq.,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Ford: Some weeks back I received your letter of November 24th, enclosing an Alumni Association receipt. You also asked me to let you have some news. As the only other Alberta man I know is in Braden, I can't say much about anybody else. He is Leonard Haw, who took two years in Applied Science, later finishing at Queens. I was quite surprised to see him down there, meeting him unexpectedly in the barber shop soon after he arrived, about a year ago. When I left he was in charge of a gang in "G" level of the mine. Last winter he was one of the indoor baseball stars, and as that is the only sport which can be indulged in during the winter at that altitude, a game is one of the events of the week.

I arrived on the pampa almost three months ago, and found it quite a change from Braden. Down there we were at an elevation of 7,000 feet, the highest level of the mine being 10,000 feet, completely surrounded by mountains and above the tree line. Also we had had heavy falls of snow in September—over 25 feet in three weeks. Here we are camped on the rainless desert of Atacama, putting in a seven million dollar plant for Guggenheim Bros. The pampa here is strangely like the prairie from a distance, but without even the lowly tumbleweed.

Coya Norte is sixty-seven kilometers from the port, Tocopilla, and 4,000 feet above sea level. There is a good road almost all the way, the last part between the camp and the Chile Exploration Company's transmission line road being rather rough. We have a connection to the Anglo-Chilean railroad, but it is a long

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way around, and it takes all day to come up. You can hire a car for $25 gold and make the trip in two hours. After leaving Tocopilla the trail climbs 5,000 feet in 30 kilometers, and then goes down hill again for about 40 more to the Rio Loa. From there the climb must be steep again, as the Chuquicamata copper mines, 100 kilometers to the east, are at 10,000 feet. When we arrived here a few snow-capped peaks could be seen over in Bolivia, but the snow has almost all disappeared.

The climate here is very variable in temperature, but a cloudy day is rare, only when the wind brings a few over the Andes from the east. The days are very hot, some thermometers registering 135 degrees in the sun at times. How accurate the thermometers are I don't know. The nights are quite chilly, and in winter it often freezes quite hard. I have been told that in some parts of the pampa they even get frost at this time of year. Your equipment should include a sun helmet and a heavy overcoat.

Our camp at present is rather primitive. We are living in shacks built of canvas and corrugated iron, and they are certainly hot in the early afternoon—you can't put your hand on the corrugated iron. Some have double roofs of bamboo, but apparently they ran out of that before they got to ours, and contented themselves with just enough mud to cover the corrugations. Six months ago they started to build three permanent houses, adobe walls and corrugated asbestos roofing. The trouble is that the carpenters left to finish them inside are without a foreman, and unless these people are watched they go to sleep. The permanent workmen's quarters are progressing much faster, as we have 3,000 men on the job and no place to put them. The oficina in Coya Sur, which also belongs to this company, is crowded with them. The plant is being pushed hard, as they want to start operations in May.

Sanitary conditions are not very good, flies being a pest, and there is quite a lot of dysentery. The water supply should be good, distilled river water pumped from Coya Sur. We have an ice plant in operation here now, which helps consider-

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ably. It is difficult to get fresh vegetables and fruit, and the Chinaman who sells them charges exorbitant prices. At one time he was charging $1.25 gold per pound for butter, until he was forced to cut it down by the management. As the only other source of supplies is over in the laborers' village, about a mile away, he has everything his own way.

As far as the actual process of extracting the nitrates goes, I know very little about it. We have no flow sheets in the office, and apparently they are keeping it quiet. They are making several innovations, which have all been tried out in a pilot plant. They are also using steam shovels in place of the hand mining in vogue in other oficinas. The caliche, from which the nitrates and by-products is extracted, is in irregular masses of varying thicknesses, and with a varying overburden. The latter is stripped off, the deposits blasted and loaded by steam shovels into dump cars. The caliche is a hard substance and has to be crushed and screened several times. After crushing it is put in leaching vats, and the resultant liquid is evaporated in the crystalizing plant. That is about as much as I know about the process. The presence of caliche makes foundation conditions bad, as they must be carried down to rock less than 2% soluble.

The company brought me here from Braden as a steel and concrete designer, but the work consists largely in issuing drawings, making hurried sketches, etc. I have had a couple of small bridges to do, and am at present working on a sewage disposal plant. Being the only gringo draftsman I get all the good jobs to do. We have a Chilean architect, a tracer and an Ecuadorian contracted in England, whose chief desire is to do things wrong, be sick half the time and get fired.

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climate, and grows everything from wheat to oranges, but the only decent jobs are up in some desolate mining camp. You find Canadians and Australians all over down here, and we even had one South African in Braden. Every town has its British colony, and the first President of Chile was the son of an Irishman.

Perhaps you may be able to glean something of news from all this mess. Wishing you lots of luck, and with regards to any Albertans I know.

Yours sincerely,
DOUGLAS SIMPKIN.

HOW THE LIBRARY CHEATS CUPID

(Continued from Page 10.)

thermostat subjected to a current of 110 volts?" or, "I would like to have suggestions for a bakery display at the forthcoming exhibition." Being bombarded from morning until night by demands such as these ensures a worker of no idle moments. The announcement of a new industrial enterprise is frequently preceded by a search for information at the library, which means that the reference librarian must be on the *qui vive* in regard to every activity of the community. Specialists within reference work are used in the larger libraries for such classes of literature as educational, technical and industrial, fine arts, etc., etc., which in turn make the work more attractive and at the same time give the worker unlimited scope for advancement. One library in a city not much larger than Vancouver has one assistant who spends most of her time working with social and educational clubs, anticipating their needs through helping arrange their programs for the coming season and then filling the wants of those taking part therein. Can you conceive of a more valuable contribution to our life than giving help to that great body of voluntary workers who are so ably supplementing the more formal methods now in use in our educational institutions?

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Of selecting and ordering books, there is little to be said that is not obvious to all. Aids come to hand in huge quantities these days which are the work of professional critics and reviewers. The most important contribution of the librarian in this work is that of the knowledge which one must possess of those for whom the purchase is being made. For those who are regular users of the library the task is not so difficult, and is best done by those who meet and talk with them. On the other hand, there is that vast body of people who do not use the library, but who would do so if they thought it held anything of value for them. Possibly the chief librarian can best cater to the needs of this class because he—or she—will no doubt be in a position to meet and know those who comprise this group. The chief librarian can also effect co-operation between the library and the host of clubs, associations, societies, schools, churches and institutions of a similar nature when an assistant would be so tied by routine that she would be unable to meet their need in the book world.

Over all is glamor of meeting and knowing and helping people by the hundred which one must be prepared to do and to like doing. No more satisfying form of service is open to the worker today, and the library may be rated high as a social service organization. Today it is finding its way, and is only beginning to realize the possibilities which it holds along adult educational lines. The recent endowment of the American Library Association by the Carnegie Corporation to the extent of $4,000,000 is an indication of the importance of the work in the eyes of that body which has already given

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Thunder On the Left, by Christopher Morley.—The book has an intriguing title. Morley is a well-known humorist, but this time evidently left his thunder at home,—and pretty well everything else. —A.J.C.

The Lonely Furrow, by Maud Diver.—Add to exquisite description, a powerful story enacted with modern India as a background, and you have some conception of the feast of good things awaiting you. We hope some reader, in gratitude, will prepare for *The Trail* an adequate review of the book.—A.J.C.

The Unhurrying Chase, by H. F. M. Prescott (Constable & Co.)—This is a tale of "old unhappy far-off things and battles long ago." An allegorical theme based on Francis Thompson's "Hound of Heaven" supplies the unity of the story which might otherwise have been a mere series of adventures of varying degrees of terror, befalling a rather disagreeable and morose young man. As it is, each adventure is a futile attempt on the part of the hero to escape from God, the "Hunter who never tires." The chief interest of the book lies in the wonderfully realistic pictures of France in the twelfth century, which make one tolerably content to be living in the twentieth. We see, not the glamour of feudalism as depicted by Scott, but the crude comfortless existence in a Mediaeval castle, with its smoke and draughts and filth, the long evenings only made endurable by the songs of some troubadour or jongleur. The utter disregard of the times for human life and suffering is shown in the revolting ruthlessness of the "routiers" and in the torture den of the robbers. The only figure of romance is that of Richard Coeur de Lion, who finally achieves a compromise between hunter and hunted by enlisting the hero in one of his crusades.—G.H.T.

Shackled, by Achmed Abdullah (Hutchison & Co.).—The setting and love theme are reminiscent of the Arabian Nights, but there are no magic carpets, no slaves of the lamp to come to the rescue of old Mustaffa Madani as he broods in his moth-eaten palace, shackled by poverty and the fierce pride of race. The shifting color and noise of the bazaars, encroaching ever closer upon the palace, are intensely interesting if one can get over the Occidental habit of being startled by frankness of utterance and sensuality of image. The whirling dervishes at their nightly esoteric ritual, "their eyes glassy, their faces tense and ecstatic", almost draw us into the midst of their gyrations, as eventually they do old Mustaffa Madani. The wedding procession of Mustaffa's hated son-in-law displays all the rites and pomp of Islam. Yet beneath all the picturesque and spectacular, there runs the bitter note of hatred for European interference, which throws some light on conditions in Northern Africa today.—G.H.T.

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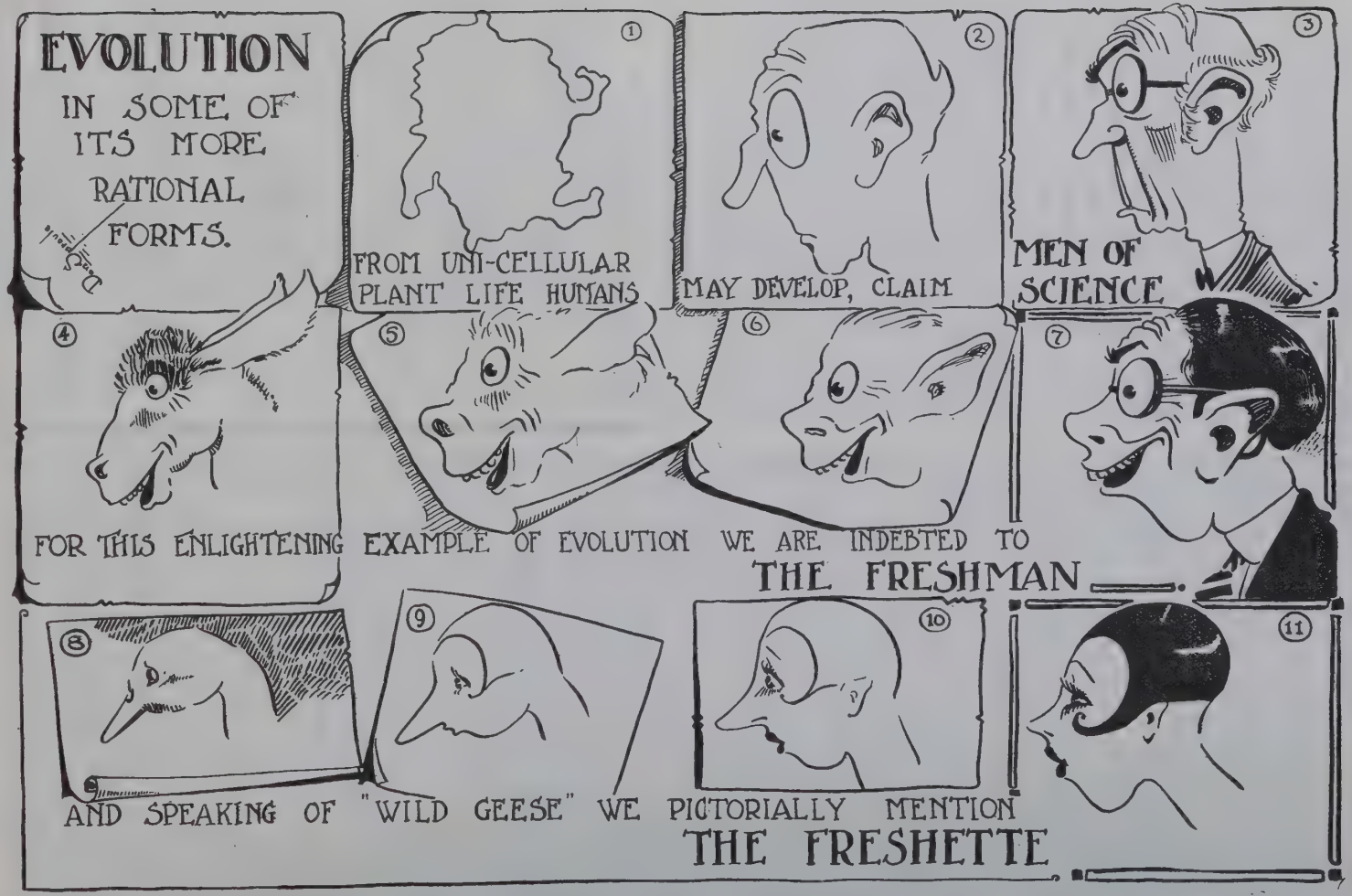
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To enable U. of A. visitors to the coast to locate friends while in Vancouver, a roster of the Alumni members will be available on request at the desk at the Hotel Grosvenor, Home Street, or at the Abbotsford Hotel on Pender Street. Both of these hotels are centrally located, and we trust visitors will take advantage of this and get in touch with members while in this city.

R. C. Smyth, Arts '22, claims Calgary as his home, but originally hailed from Medicine Hat. After two years' hard study at the U. of A. he started to work for the Imperial Oil Company at Calgary. At the present time he is in Vancouver in connection with the installing of some new machinery out at the company plant at Ioco. Ralph will possibly be remembered best as one of the terrible seven freshmen who were so prominent in raids, etc., during the academic year of 1918-19. Ralph is married, and is very proud of his young daughter, who just celebrated her first birthday lately.

R. P. Clarke has just recently purchased a five-room bungalow, 3544 24th Avenue West, and would certainly apprecite it if any of his friends from Edmonton would look him up. The past week or two, however, has been a very busy time for R.P. in moving and getting settled. (More power to your right arm, R.P.)

In the year 1921 Howard, "Red", Gaetz bid farewell to Varsity's grey halls. Shortly after receiving his degree he married Miss Gwynnifred Craig, graduate of 1920. They have made their home chiefly on the coast, and are now residing at 5926 44th Street South West, Seattle, Wash. They are the proud parents of a three-year-old son, who from all appearances is a chip of the old block. Howard is following up his chemical studies, and at present holds a position in a pharmacy. The old enthusiasm and determination of Varsity days are still yours. Go to it, Red.

"HERE'S TO THE VARSCONAS"

What a thrill it was for the Vancouver members of the Alberta Alumni to meet and greet the Varsconas from Edmonton on their trip to the coast in February.

Undaunted by a deluge of rain, the team, under the tender care of their youthful chaperon, Bern Carmichael Law, were spots of Alberta sunshine to a few of us who managed to dodge school and office to say "hello" to them on their arrival.

And the games—well, the team quite lived up to our expectations, and if you had been in our section of the rooters' gallery you would know, no doubt, how keenly thrilled we were, as in the good old days in the U. of A. gym. (Of course,

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Before the final Vancouver game we had a gathering of the clan, for a supper at the Ambassador. Here we were able to enjoy our guests in a jolly informal way, and the years from Class '14 to Class '25 were soon well bridged.

In response to short toasts, Helen Beny and Olive Caldwell brought us greetings from Alma Mater, and a sing-song followed.

Jimmie Bill joined forces with Bee Timmins at the piano, and carried the airs with his staunch tenor all the way from "Clementine" to "Show Me the Way to Go Home." Jimmy, despite the keen vigilance which he was forced to keep on his lively charges during the trip, relaxed into his usual "beam," and reminded us of the many other U. of A. teams who had won their laurels.

With the singing of Auld Lang Syne we unconsciously made a vow to make our link with our Alma Mater as strong as possible, and you shall hear from us later, dear editor of *The Trail.*

May I add this note?—We, the Vancouver Branch, have high hopes of seeing many of the alumni here, so please look us up and we shall show you how delighted we are to see you.

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J. Yak, '24.

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL

James A. McDonald, '24, sent his fees from 536 Barton St. E., Hamilton, Ontario. He says: "J. A. Tames, '25, and Arthur V. Baldwin, '25, are living just around the corner, and I see them occasionally. Jimmy MacMillan will be down here in a week or two to take a course with the Westinghouse Company. Our slogen is 'Till Jimmy Comes'." This was last March. Now that Jimmy has arrived we should like to hear what has happened. Hamilton can't be the same.

Malcolm Wallace, Ag. '25, dropped around early this spring. Red is working on the farm at home near Claresholm.

H. B. LeBourveau, '24, and Mrs. LeBourveau (formerly Ardis Cain, '22) are living at 232 Fifth Ave. N.E., Calgary.

Miss Jean McKitrick, '25, sent her fees from Vegreville, where she is teaching. She expects to be home for the summer. Her home address is 8012 110th St., Edmonton.

215 West 23rd Street, New York, is the address that we recently received from D. S. Simpson, '24.

Lucile Barker, '23, writing from 208 Escobita Ave., Palo Alto, California, says: "Enclosed you will find check for dues, this year's and last year's. I don't remember having paid them last year, and my conscience is bothering me. The twenty-five cents is for exchange. I certainly appreciate the fact that you have carried me on the "Trail" mailing list, for it keeps one in touch with the University and old friends."

Gordon L. Kidd, '16, of Drumheller, sent in his fees with a short note. "This letter," he says, "is somewhat like a lady's dress—I trust it will be satisfactory."

C. K. Johns and Mrs. Johns (formerly Dorothy Farnols), both of the year '25, have come to live in Edmonton, where C.K. has taken a position under the Provincial Dairy Commissioner. He recently got his M.Sc. at McGill.

H. E. Smith, B.A. '25, sends in his address as 1821 16A St. W., Calgary.

Ranald D. White, '24, writes to let us know that he is now residing in Leduc, where he is carrying on a law practice.

Eddie Jones, '26, is working at the smelters in Trail, B.C. With Johnny Millen, Howard Hargrave and D. P. Macdonald, that town has the beginnnings of a U. of A. colony.

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son, '23, is Chapman Camp, which is part of the mining and smelting works at Kimberley, B.C. Doug York is there also in the assay office.

We hear that Gordon Lee and Hugh Crawford were studying Medicine in Toronto last winter.

Roy Page, '23, sent up a very welcome contribution to the Memorial Fund a while ago. He is with Clarkson, Gordon and Dillworth, accountants, in Toronto.

W. L. MacDonald, '23, has gone down the Mackenzie River in charge of a prospecting party for the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company. Bill passed through Edmonton in May.

Reg. Pegrum, '23, spent the last year at Princeton, and at present he is on a geological survey in Ontario.

It was a breezy little letter we got from Mrs. Coursier, '23 (formerly Geraldine Duclos), dated at Wainwright, Alberta, last March, and we quote it in full: "I have intended, oh, so many times, to sit down and drop you a note, also enclosing my fees. In fact, I became very industrious and ambitious just after Christmas, and almost completed an article I was writing for 'The Trail.' Some time I'll be sending it along. One speaks of small towns being rather dead. Indeed, from what I'd ever heard of them I imagined they were, but that appellation can scarcely be applied here. We are staging a very fine musical comedy, and are just recuperating after 'putting over' a big and very successful golf club dance, and now our dramatic club are desirous of becaming ambitious and putting on a really 'dramatic' play. So with these and many other things too numerous to mention, I have had scarcely a free moment. What a dreadful omission, or really a "faux-pas" 'The Trail' made when they neglected to record last April 24th, 1925, the birth of a wee daughter to Dr. and Mrs. Heber Leon Coursier, and such a perfectly lovely baby she is, too—and a future U. of A. student. I am enclosing two dollars ($2.00) for fees. I'm not just sure of how I stand, but I think I owe you another two dollars. If so, please let me know it, and I shall remit the amount. I appreciated your sending 'The Trail' even though I was behind in my dues."

L. V. Bell, '25, has spent a year of postgraduate work in geology at the University of Toronto, and is now with the geological survey under Dr. Warren near North Battleford.

Leo Telfer, '24, has just finished a year in geology at Toronto. For the summer he is at Fernie, B.C., prospecting for the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company. W. D. Burgess, '23, is also doing the same work, and has been with this company for some time.

I. W. Jones, '22 and '24, who has spent the year at the University of Toronto, is on a geological party in the Mountain Park area for the summer. J. O. G. Sanderson is on the same party. "Pete" has been studying at Yale.

Sam Laycock, M.A. '16, who is now studying in London, drops us a line saying: "Hope you had a good banquet. Spent three weeks of 'vac' in Holland, Germany, Chezko-Slovakia and Belgium." His latest address is 31 Hillfield Rd., London N.W. 6, England.

Lieutenant Clifford Underwood, 1925 graduate in Electrical Engineering, who has been at Camp Borden, Ontario, connected with the Canadian Corps of Signals, recently passed through Edmonton on his way to take charge of the Government Wireless Station at Mayo, Yukon.

Fred Young, '15, who is on the staff of the Provincial Institute of Technology in Calgary, will be teaching mathematics at the Summer School held in the University.

Miss Esther Prevey, '25, is taking a summer course in Chicago, and in the fall she will return to the U. of A. to act as an assistant in Household Economics.

C. F. Carswell, '15, has moved to Granum, Alberta, where he has a law practice.

Art Carswell, '20, is living at 2207 Camden Ave., Sawtelle, California.

News has just been received of the appointment of F. M. Quance, M.A. '15, to the principalship of Regina Normal School. Dr. Quance has been teaching in the school since 1916, with the exception of a year at Columbia. He has his doctorate in pedagogy from Toronto, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred at Columbia last year.

The Rev. Norman M. Plummer, LL.B. '22, writes from St. Peter's Rectory, Okotoks. A novel of his, entitled "The Good," and also a book of poems, called "Songs of the West and Other Poems," are about to be published. For every copy of the poems ordered by an alumnus through him, Mr. Plummer offers to turn over the profits to the Alumni Association.

We have not heard yet from many of the newest graduates, but expect to get news of them when they begin sending in their fees. In the meanwhile, we hear that:

Gladys V. Brown is out on Chautauqua.

Lorna Dalgleish is leaving with her family about July 1st to live in Claresholm.

Bessie Scott and Gwen Little are attendants at the Mental Hospital, Ponoka.

Marjorie Sherlock has returned to Lethbridge for the summer. In the fall she comes back as one of the staff of the English Department.

Ronald Martland is working temporarily at the governmental buildings, Edmonton.

Marilda Clermont is finishing her business course.

Jack Ellis is working for the Orange Crush Company.

Cecil Edwards is with a lumber company.

Jim Manson is working with the University Department of Field Husbandry.

Mary Manson is spending the summer at home in Edmonton.

J. A. Anderson has gone on a visit to his home in England.

Grace Bard is teaching at Fort Assiniboine.

Anne Bain is in the law office of Van Allen and Simpson, Edmonton.

Clarence Campbell is with the Woodland Dairy, Edmonton.

Neil Primrose is on a Dominion survey in the Saddle Lake district.

Campbell Hargrave is on the ranch at Walsh, Alberta.

Helen McQueen is at home in Edmonton.

The following despatch concerning C. L. Huskins, '23, appeared recently in the newspapers:

"London, May 23.—A discovery which may be of far-reaching consequence to practical agriculture and especially to the cultivation of oats, has been made by Leonard Huskins, according to announcement in the Daily Telegraph today. Working under Professor Gates, of the department of botany at King's college, Cambridge, on the subject of genetics and sytology of oats, Mr. Huskins is said to have established the fact that 'fatuoid" or "false wild" oats are a special type of mutation brought about by a loss of hereditary material known as chromosomes, or by an interchange of certain portions of them. It is considered that as a result of Mr. Huskins' discovery the line of research for the total eradication of fatuoids should be fairly open. Mr. Huskins is holder of one of the three scholarships offered annually in Canada by the permanent royal commission for the exhibition of 1851."

This year's graduating class in Medicine at McGill included the following former Alberta students: Archie Macaulay, B.A. '22; Alex. Simpson, B.A. '23; Harold Soby, Mark Levey, Arthur Haig, and Willard Haig. Arthur Haig won a gold medal.

Miss Dixie Pelluet, '19, who has been attending Bryn Mawr university, has gone to Nantuckett, Mass., where she will lecture at the biological station for six weeks, after which she will come to Edmonton to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pelluet, 11024 84th avenue. Miss Pelluet will later return to Bryn Mawr, where she is taking post graduate work, to continue her studies, having been awarded a fellowship in botany for the third year.

The engagement has been announced of Charles Richert, '25, to Miss Charlebois, of Edmonton. Congratulations, Charlie!

Miss Flo Moffat, '24, received a further degree at the recent Commencement exercises of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

Dr. J. W. McKinney, '17, resigned from the Department of Health, Ottawa, last January, and went to Yonkers, U.S.A., to take charge of the organic work in the Research Laboratory of the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation. He says: "I'm not sure whether the tetra-ethyl lead scare penetrated as far as Alberta, but

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the scare was chiefly in the newspapers, and ethyl gasoline will be on sale in every filling station inside two years—it is very much a coming game." Bill wonders whether there are any other U. of A. graduates in that part of the world, and how to get in touch with them. His address is: Box 373, Yonkers, N.Y., U.S.A.

Alec Cook is spending the summer studying at Chicago, and we miss him on *The Trail*. His address for the summer is: Harvard Hotel, 5714 Blackstone Ave., Chicago.

Marriages, Births and Deaths

Marriages

BUCHANAN—DE SILVA—At Saskatoon on October 22, 1925, Helen Bravin, daughter of Mrs. W. B. De Silva of Winnipeg, was united in marriage with Nelles Victor Buchanan, LL.B., '21, son of the Reverend T. C. Buchanan, Edmonton.

FANJOY—McARTHUR—At Peterboro, Ont., on May 22nd, 1926, Eva McArthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McArthur, Edmonton, to William Fanjoy, B.Sc. '24, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Fanjoy, Edmonton. They have made their home at 469 Gilmour Street, Peterboro.

STADE—ROGERS — At Edmonton, on May 14th, 1926, Florence, second daughter of Mr. W. A. Rogers, to Frederick John Stade, B.A. '26. Mr. and Mrs. Stade have made their home in Vermilion.

STEWART—CASTOR—At Edmonton, on June 1st, 1926, Jessie Irene Castor, B.A. '25, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Castor, to Frederick John Stewart, B.Sc. '25, son of the Hon. Charles Stewart and Mrs. Stewart, of Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart will live in Peterboro for the summer, later going to Ottawa to reside.

Births

BECKER—At Edmonton, on May 15th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Becker, a daughter, Lucy Jane.

MOTHERSILL—At Edmonton, on March 26th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. O. Mothersill, a son, Joseph Lloyd.

Death

STANTON—At Santa Monica, California, on Wednesday, May 19th, 1926, Mrs. Stanton, wife of Hugh E. Stanton, barrister, Edmonton.

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